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determined by utilizing the voucher information stored at the host [In one embodiment, the invention comprises a voucher generation and accounting system which includes a gaming device adapted to accept credit from a player presented voucher, to present a game for play by a player, and pay an award in the event a winning event is achieved by play of the game. The system also includes a host arranged to transmit information to and receive information from the gaming device. A voucher issuance device is adapted to generate data regarding a voucher, print the voucher for issuance and later presentation to the gaming device, and to create a record regarding the voucher. The voucher issuance device communicates with the host for providing voucher information for use by the host in verifying a voucher presented to the gaming device. One embodiment of the invention comprises a method of issuing a voucher with a remote voucher generation device associated with a gaming system including a gaming machine and a host, comprising the steps of generating data regarding a voucher to be printed, creating a record regarding the voucher, printing the voucher and transmitting information regarding the voucher from the remote voucher generation device to the host].

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the following claims as indicated:

1. A method of issuing a voucher with a remote voucher generation device associated with a gaming system including a gaming machine and a host, comprising the steps of:  
generating data regarding a voucher to be printed;

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creating a data record regarding said voucher for later use in accepting said voucher when presented for use, said data record including value is usable at said gaming machine to establish entitlement to play a game;

generating said voucher, said step of generating including the step of printing information regarding said voucher;

issuing said voucher for later presentation at said gaming machine; and

storing at least a portion of information comprising said data record [transmitting information] regarding said voucher [from said remote voucher generation device to] at said host.

9. A voucher generation and accounting system comprising:

at least one gaming [device] machine adapted to accept credit from a player, present a game for play by a player[,] and pay an award in the event a winning event is achieved by play of the game, said at least one gaming [device] machine adapted to receive a voucher representing credit;

at least one host with which said at least one gaming [device] machine is associated, said at least one host arranged to transmit information to said at least one gaming [device] machine and receive information from said at least one gaming [device] machine; and

at least one voucher issuance device, said voucher issuance device adapted to generate data regarding a voucher representing credit for use by a player at a gaming machine, print said voucher, and create a record regarding said voucher including the credit represented by said voucher, said at least one voucher issuance device in communication with said at least one host for providing

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voucher information for use by said host in verifying a voucher presented to said at least one gaming  
[device] machine.